

United States Attorney Southern District of New York

PRESS ADVISORY AND CONFERENCE

ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY MARIA A. BARTON, CHIEF OF THE WHITE PLAINS BRANCH OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT 11:30 A.M. TODAY, OCTOBER 7, 2004, TO ANNOUNCE THE UNSEALING IN WHITE PLAINS FEDERAL COURT OF THIRTEEN INDICTMENTS CHARGING TWENTY-SIX INDIVIDUALS WITH VARIOUS NARCOTICS AND WEAPONS OFFENSES STEMMING FROM AN FBI INVESTIGATION OF NARCOTICS AND FIREARMS TRAFFICKING IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY. THE MAXIMUM POTENTIAL PENALTIES UPON CONVICTION OF THE ALLEGED CRIMES RANGE FROM FIVE YEARS TO TWO-HUNDRED YEARS IN PRISON.

TIME: 11:30 A.M.

PLACE: U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, THIRD FLOOR

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NO ONE CAN BE ADMITTED WITHOUT PROPER I.D.

PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 11:30 A.M.

PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY TO PERMIT CLEARANCE THROUGH

SECURITY.